

PIOUS SOUVENIRS



FATHER NAPOLÉON DESAULNIERS

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AT Louiseville, in the diocese of Three Rivers, in 1887 a young rhetorician, Napoleon Desaulniers, attentively followed a retreat preached by Rev. Father Fievez. One evening, touched by the preacher's eloquence and still more by God's grace, he said to his mother on his return home. « Dear mother, if one must do all that those good Fathers say, it is impossible to be saved in the world And yet it is quite certain that we must do so. »

This great affair of his salvation did not cease to preoccupy his mind during the remainder of his life. To ensure its success he did not hesitate to overcome the great attraction that the world had for him and to enter the Grand Seminary in Montreal. In 1889, after testing his resolution by the exercises of a retreat at Ste Anne de Beaupré, he asked and obtained admission to the novitiate of the Redemptorists and went to Belgium. A year later he wrote :